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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles—UCLA Computer Server with Personal Student Information Hacked

(U) UCLA officials are notifying about 32,000 people about a cyberattack aimed at a university computer server containing personal information—such as names, addresses, date of births, and Social Security numbers—of some students. It does not appear that the hacker obtained any sensitive information, and the school has since modified its servers to protect against future attacks, according to a UCLA statement.

SOURCE: 5 August 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Minnesota—Governor Calls Bloomington Mosque Blast "Act of Terrorism"

(U) Bloomington—An explosion that damaged the Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center on 5 August was caused by an improvised explosive device, according to the FBI. The explosion shattered windows and started a fire, although no one was injured. The Governor of Minnesota declared the incident an act of terrorism and a hate crime, but no there were no further updates on the investigation as of yesterday.

SOURCE: 6 August 2017, [Minnesota Star Tribune](#)

(U) Missouri—IRS Workers Reportedly Sickened by Suspicious Package

(U) Kansas City—Ten IRS employees reported feeling sick after a suspicious packaged was delivered to the mailroom on 4 August, according to fire officials. The employees were treated on-scene, no one was evacuated, and all the other workers were confirmed safe. Local news reported that the suspicious package had a scent of ammonia, and authorities are investigating.

SOURCE: 4 August 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Pennsylvania—Police Halts Field Drug Tests due to Fentanyl Threat

(U) Dauphin County—Fears about accidental overdoses from fentanyl have prompted police officers in Dauphin County to halt testing of all drugs they confiscate from suspects. The substances will instead go straight to the Pennsylvania State Police lab for testing, according to reporting. The new policy ends a longstanding practice of using field test kits to preliminarily identify controlled substances, as the danger to officers outweighs potential evidentiary value from the tests, according to an official.

SOURCE: 7 August 2017, [Pennsylvania Real-Time News](#)

(U) Texas—More Than 1,000 Arrested in Nationwide Sex Trafficking Operation

(U) Harris County—More than 1,000 individuals—some of whom are convicted sex offenders—were arrested following a nationwide sting operation targeting sex trafficking. The operation came as part of the National Johns Suppression Initiative, involving 37 law enforcement agencies across 17 states, rescuing 81 adult and juvenile victims. At least 1,020 sex buyers were arrested—with a combined 330 arrests occurring in Harris County, Texas, and Seattle. Fifteen people face trafficking-related charges, according to a law enforcement statement.

SOURCE: 4 August 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France—Police Stop Knife-Wielding Man at Eiffel Tower

(U) Paris—A 19-year-old French man, who recently was discharged from a psychiatric hospital, is being investigated for terrorism after brandishing a knife and trying to breach security at the Eiffel Tower yesterday, according to police. The man shouted “Allahu Akbar,” and was arrested without incident. The young man said he wanted to commit an attack against a soldier, and had been in contact with ISIS, who encouraged the attack, according to reporting.

SOURCE: 6 August 2017, [Agence France-Presse](#)

(U) Mexico—Gunmen Attack Group at Mexican Resort Beach, Killing 3

(U) San Jose del Cabo—Gunmen attacked a group of both Mexican and foreign tourists at the entrance to Playa Palmilla—a popular beach—yesterday, killing three men and wounding two others, according to Mexican officials. The Mexican state of Baja California Sur has seen a surge in violence this year, though mostly outside tourist areas, according to reporting. Experts blame much of the violence on fighting between the Sinaloa and Jalisco New Generation drug cartels.

SOURCE: 6 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Switzerland—UN Study: Migrant Deaths Increase on US-Mexico Border

(U) Geneva—The UN’s migration agency, the International Organization of Migration (IOM), has reported an increase this year in deaths of people trying to enter the United States from Mexico, even as illegal crossings appear to have dropped sharply. The IOM counted 232 migrant deaths through the end of July 2017—a 12 percent increase from last year. The IOM said the higher toll could not be fully explained, citing factors such as hot weather and flood waters.

SOURCE: 5 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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